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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

RONY DJOENAEDI,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 07-72700

Agency No. A096-361-921

MEMORANDUM<sup>\*</sup>

On Petition for Review of an Order of the  
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted September 14, 2009<sup>\*\*</sup>

Before: SILVERMAN, RAWLINSON, and CLIFTON, Circuit Judges.

Rony Djoenaedi, a native and citizen of Indonesia, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' ("BIA") order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's ("IJ") decision denying his application for withholding of removal and relief under the Convention Against Torture ("CAT"). We have

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<sup>\*</sup> This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence the denial of an application for withholding of removal and relief under CAT, *see Malkandi v. Mukasey*, 544 F.3d 1029, 1035 (9th Cir. 2008), and we review de novo due process claims, *Hernandez de Anderson v. Gonzales*, 497 F.3d 927, 932 (9th Cir. 2007). We grant in part and deny in part the petition for review, and remand for further proceedings.

Substantial evidence supports the IJ's conclusion that Djoenaedi failed to establish that he suffered past persecution in Indonesia because the two incidents Djoenaedi experienced do not rise to the level of persecution. *See Hoxha v. Ashcroft*, 319 F.3d 1179, 1182 (9th Cir. 2003). Substantial evidence also supports the BIA's determination that Djoenaedi failed to establish that ethnic Chinese Christians are subject to the systematic mistreatment required to demonstrate a "pattern or practice" of persecution. *See Lolong v. Gonzales*, 484 F.3d 1173, 1179-1181 (9th Cir. 2007) (en banc) (ethnic Chinese Christian petitioner did not establish an individualized risk or a pattern or practice of persecution in Indonesia).

The BIA found the disfavored group analysis set forth in *Sael v. Ashcroft*, 386 F.3d 922, 927 (9th Cir. 2004), does not apply to withholding of removal claims. Intervening case law holds the disfavored group analysis does apply. *See Wakkary v. Holder*, 558 F.3d 1049, 1059-60 (9th Cir. 2009). Accordingly, we

remand to the BIA for consideration of whether, under *Sael* and *Wakkary*, Djoenaedi is entitled to withholding of removal.

Substantial evidence supports the BIA's denial of CAT relief because Djoenaedi failed to show it is more likely than not he would be tortured if returned to Indonesia. *See Singh v. Gonzales*, 439 F.3d 1100, 1113 (9th Cir. 2006).

The IJ and BIA did not violate Djoenaedi's due process rights by engaging in speculation to conclude that Djoenaedi's parents and four brothers have continued to reside in Indonesia without harm. Djoenadi was specifically asked about harm to his family members who remain in Indonesia, and the only incidents he reported were those that occurred prior to his departure from Indonesia in 2000. *See Latah v. INS*, 204 F.3d 1241, 1246 (9th Cir. 2000) (requiring error to prevail on a due process challenge).

**PETITION FOR REVIEW GRANTED in part; DENIED in part;  
REMANDED.**